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## 440th BSD set to deploy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom

By Lori Newman  
JB-SA-FSH News Leader

Friends and family of 22 Soldiers of the 440th Blood Support Detachment gathered at the Roadrunner Community Center Feb. 21 for a pre-deployment ceremony.

While in Afghanistan, the mission of the 440th BSD Soldiers will be to ensure that vital blood product inventories are being maintained and resupplied to surrounding divisions, medical units and other operations.

The unit, known as the “Blood Runners,” was reactivated June 16, 2002 at Fort Sam Houston.

Lt. Col. Kenneth A. Lemons, commander of the 61st Multifunctional Medical Battalion from Fort Hood, thanked the Soldiers for their service.

“We are overwhelmingly proud of you for the sacrifices you are about to make as you answer our nation’s call and deploy to medically support our efforts in Afghanistan,” he told them.

“You are health care professionals. You represent the best medical care in the world.”

If our Soldiers are wounded in combat they know you will be there supplying our medical personnel with the blood products that will help save their lives so they can return safely home to their families and loved one, Lemons said.

“We have been preparing for this deployment for the last six months,” explained Maj. Jose Quesada, commander of the 440th BSD.

The Soldiers will deploy for up to a year.



Photo by Lori Newman

Soldiers from the 440th Blood Support Detachment stand at attention during a pre-deployment ceremony Feb. 21 at the Roadrunner Community Center.

## Future Soldiers commit to hitching Army ride at rodeo

U.S. Army North commander Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV (center) swears in 34 young men and women who committed to support and defend the U.S. Constitution from all enemies in front of thousands of witnesses from the San Antonio community at a sold-out AT&T Center Feb. 17. The future Soldiers swore the oath during the opening ceremonies of Military Appreciation Night at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo.



Photo by Col. Wayne Shanks

By Col. Wayne Shanks  
ARNORTH Public Affairs

Thirty-four young men and women committed to support and defend the U.S. Constitution from all enemies in front of thousands of witnesses from the San Antonio community at a sold-out AT&T Center Feb. 17.

The future Soldiers swore an oath administered by U.S. Army North commander Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV during opening ceremonies of Military Appreciation

Night at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo.

“You can do whatever you want; the Army offers you the opportunity,” Caldwell said just prior to the ceremony. “You will go places and do things that no one else in your neighborhood will do.”

The crowd cheered as the new recruits raised their hands and began a life-changing journey. The future Soldiers are part of less than one percent of all Americans who join

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# Budget request preserves troop health benefits, official says

By Karen Parrish  
American Forces Press Service

The \$48.7 billion in medical spending contained in the 2013 defense budget request follows Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta's often-stated priority of keeping faith with military members, a senior Defense Department official said Feb. 13.

Though the request would establish or increase TRICARE enrollment fees and deductibles for most retirees and raise retail and mail-order pharmacy co-pays, fees will not increase for active-duty service members, survivors of military members who died on active duty, or medically retired service members, Dr. Jonathan Woodson told Pentagon Channel and American Forces Press Service reporters.

Woodson, a vascular surgeon, is the department's assistant secretary for health affairs and director of the TRICARE Management Activity.

"Active duty family members will be affected by increases in co-pays when they obtain prescriptions from retail or mail order pharmacies," he said. "Prescriptions will continue to be filled at no cost to beneficiaries at military treatment facilities."

Defense Secretary Panetta has taken a balanced approach to required spending cuts, Woodson said.

"There's a global fiscal crisis, there's a national fiscal crisis, and of course, we're conducting business under the Budget Control Act," he said. The Defense Department has a \$487 billion dollar "bill to pay" under that act, Woodson added.

Department leaders

have protected personnel benefits, particularly health care, as much as possible, he said.

"The health care will remain superb," he pledged. "The access to health care will be preserved, and it will be quality care."

Proposed changes include:

- Increasing enrollment fees for retirees under age 65 in the TRICARE Prime health plan, using a tiered approach based on retired pay that requires senior-grade retirees with higher retired pay to pay more and junior-grade retirees less;

- Establishing a new enrollment fee and increasing deductibles for the TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra plans;

- Establishing a new, tiered enrollment fee for the TRICARE-for-Life program for retirees 65 and older;

- Increasing pharmacy co-pays while offering incentive costs for use of mail order delivery and generic medicines;

- Indexing fees, deductibles, pharmacy co-pays, and catastrophic caps to reflect the growth in national health care costs.

Proposed pharmacy co-pay costs for a one-month supply of retail drugstore prescriptions are set at \$5 for generic drugs and \$12 for brand-name medicines in fiscal 2012, and will rise over time to \$9 and \$34, respectively, in fiscal 2017.

For mail-order three-month prescriptions, those costs begin at being free for generic drugs and \$9 for brand-name medicines, and rise in fiscal 2017 to \$9 and \$34. Defense officials noted that nonformulary drugs – those not on the department's list of standard medicines – often are not available in retail pharmacies and have higher mail-order co-pays, ranging from \$25 in fiscal 2012 to \$66 in fiscal 2017.

Under the tiered system, retirees younger than 65 enrolled in TRICARE Prime will pay a minimum enrollment fee of \$460 this fiscal year, rising to \$893 in fiscal 2017 for those receiving less than \$22,589 in annual retirement income. Maximum TRICARE Prime enrollment fees, charged to retirees receiving more than \$45,179 in annual retirement pay,

are set at \$460 to \$520 this year and \$2,048 in fiscal 2017.

In his prepared testimony today before the Senate Armed Services Committee, Panetta said service members and

their families will see no increases in health care fees or deductibles.

Military retirees younger than 65 will be most affected, and their costs will remain, "as they should be," below those of most private-sector plans, Panetta said.

## Weekly Weather Watch

	Feb 23	Feb 24	Feb 25	Feb 26	Feb 27	Feb 28
<b>San Antonio Texas</b>	82° Partly Cloudy	64° Partly Cloudy/Wind	63° Mostly Cloudy	71° Partly Cloudy	71° Few Showers	70° Isolated T-Storms
<b>Kabul Afghanistan</b>	34° Sunny	38° Sunny	39° Sunny	40° Mostly Cloudy	44° Partly Cloudy	47° Sunny

(Source: The Weather Channel at [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com))

## Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level  
as of Feb. 22

**CURRENT LEVEL\* = 664.9'**

\*determines JBSA water conservation stage

**Normal - above 660'**

**Stage I - 660'**

**Stage II - 650'**

**Stage III - 642'**

**Stage IV - 640.5'**

**Stage V - 637'**

Joint Base San Antonio will revert back to Stage I water restrictions; the J-17 Well Level is at 652.7 feet as of Jan. 5 and has been over 650 feet for more than 30 days, allowing for JBSA to return to Stage I conditions. Watering hours are now allowed between the hours of 8 p.m. and 10 a.m. and new turf can be planted at this time.





## News Briefs

### ARNORTH run affects post streets

The Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army North, will conduct a battalion run from 6:30 to 7:15 a.m. Feb. 24, beginning at the Army North Quadrangle. The route of travel from the Quadrangle is: right on Liscum Road, then another right on S-6 N Road; left on North New Braunfels Avenue; right on Wilson Way; left on Hancock; right on Stanley Road, left on Henry T. Allen Road; left on Dickman Road; left on North New Braunfels Avenue; Left on Staley Road; right on Hancock; right on Wilson Street; left on North New Braunfels Avenue; right on S-6 N Road; left of Liscum Road until entering Quadrangle. Motorists can expect some delays during those times as runners cross roads.

### Basura Bash 2012

The 2nd Annual Fort Sam Houston Basura Bash will be held at Salado Creek Park from 9 a.m. to noon Feb. 25, with volunteer check in at 8 a.m. and a safety briefing at 8:45 a.m. The annual cleanup of Salado Creek is held in conjunction with the city-wide cleanup effort for the tributaries of the San Antonio River. Volunteers are encouraged to wear long pants, sturdy shoes, gloves, hat and sunscreen and can bring their own cleanup gear, such as waders, trash-grabbers, nets, etc. All participants under 18 must have a parent or guardian onsite and drop-offs will not be allowed. All participants must have a military ID or CAC and sign a waiver to participate. Volunteers can register online at <http://www.basurabash.org>. For more information, call 221-4251 or 4842.

### Lane Closures at Scott Road ACP

City Public Service requires several temporary lane closures between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Feb. 29. Part one of the lane shift is from 8 to 11 a.m. with the west lane closing to allow CPS access to remove electric poles along the west side of Walters Street. Outbound traffic will shift to center lane and inbound lanes will be reduced to one lane. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the east lane will close to allow CPS to remove poles along the east side of Scott Road. Outbound lanes will return to normal, while inbound lanes will go down to one lane and inbound traffic will shift to center lane. For more information, call 295-4717.

# JBSA names 2012 military ambassadors

By Mike Joseph

JBSA-Lackland AFB Public Affairs

Nine military members based at San Antonio installations will represent their respective services as 2012 Military Ambassadors for Joint Base San Antonio.



### ARMY

Sgt. 1st Class Patrick Lockett, U.S. Army South and  
Sgt. 1st Class Rosalba Martinez,  
Company G, 232nd Medical Battalion.



### NAVY

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Barbara K. Rodriguez,  
Navy Medicine Training Center and  
Gunners Mate 1st Class Steve Duran,  
Navy Recruiting District San Antonio.

The ambassadors represent the military at San Antonio-area community events, including nearly 150 activities associated with Fiesta San Antonio, April 19-29. Ambassadors will also participate in parades and visit local schools, nursing homes and retirement facilities throughout the year.

"The ambassador program is another tool for the services to get their message out," said Bill Gaines, 502nd Air Base Wing civic outreach chief.

"Over the course of a year, the ambassadors have a chance to utilize their talents and skills, and really expand on them. It's certainly a learning experience.

"They'll participate in local festivities (during the year) and have an opportunity to meet local leaders, with Fiesta being the highlight simply because of its exposure and the time spent (in the community)," Gaines added.

To retain the uniqueness and significance of the program, each San

Antonio-area military service – Air Force, Army, Marines, Navy and Coast Guard – selected ambassadors for representation. Prior to JBSA's creation in 2010, each installation selected its own ambassadors.



### MARINES

Sgt. William Alvarez,  
4th Reconnaissance Battalion.



### AIR FORCE

Tech. Sgt. Amanda Joyce Caldwell,  
91st Network Warfare Squadron and  
Staff Sgt. Joshua Lee Hite,  
332nd Training Squadron.



### COAST GUARD

Petty Officer 2nd Class Miriam Jimenez,  
Coast Guard Cryptologic Unit-Texas and  
Petty Officer 1st Class Tim Cardenas,  
Recruiting Office San Antonio



## News Briefs

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#### **CPAC doesn't require out processing**

Effective immediately, the Fort Sam Houston Civilian Personnel Advisory Center no longer requires civilian employees to out process through their office. The employing organization has the sole responsibility of ensuring that employees properly clear and out process from their assigned organizations. For more information, call 221-9638.

#### **Civilian Record Brief snapshot of personnel data**

The Civilian Record Brief is a one-page snapshot of an employees' official personnel data. To access your CRB, click on the Army Civilian Personnel On-Line Portal page at <http://acpol.army.mil/>. For more information and to view a sample CRB along with the CRB Quick Guide, visit the Fort Sam Houston Civilian Personnel Advisory Center website at <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/cpac/>.

#### **JBSA CareLine**

Reporting procedures for the Joint Base San Antonio Family Advocacy Program CareLine have been streamlined to ensure the easiest access and assistance to those in need of services related to the prevention of family maltreatment in our community. To report incidents of spouse or child abuse and to coordinate an emergency response for victims of domestic violence, call 292-5967. This line is monitored 24 hours per day, 7 days a week.

#### **Schertz Medical Home Accepting New Enrollees**

The Schertz Medical Home is open for enrollment to the families of active duty service members of all uniformed services. At this time the SMH can enroll a limited number of retirees, family members of retirees and survivors who are enrolled in TRICARE Prime. The Schertz Medical Home is a primary care clinic conveniently located in the nearby suburb of Schertz, where many of our service members and their families live. Operating hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. For more information, call 808-2722.

#### **No Smoking at Bus Stops**

Smoking is not allowed at any of the bus stops or bus enclosures on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

# Rubenstein meets Heidelberg health center staff

By Stefan Alford

U.S. Army Medical Department  
Activity-Heidelberg Public Affairs

The chief of the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps and commanding general of the U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School gave a subtle lesson in mentorship at the Wilson Theater on Nachrichten Kaserne in Heidelberg, Germany Feb. 14.

As Maj. Gen. David Rubenstein extolled the importance of mentoring young Soldiers to about 100 members of the Heidelberg Health Center, 30th Medical Command and Europe Regional Medical Command, he was in effect doing that very thing on a large scale.

"Mentoring is counseling, coaching and teaching, and we all have that responsibility," the two-star told an audience ranging from junior enlisted to senior officers. "You can sit down for just one hour and have a mentoring relationship – it doesn't always have to be a long, continuing process."



Photo by Stefan Alford

Maj. Gen. David Rubenstein, chief of the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps and commanding general of the U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School, speaks to members of the Heidelberg health center staff during his visit Feb. 14.

The general "mentored" this particular group for a good hour-and-a-half, touching on career-defining subjects as diverse as proposed changes to the military's re-

tirement benefits system and reduction in troop strength, to a change in the medical service's philosophy introduced by the Army Surgeon General last month.

"We have to become a system of health, instead of a health care system," he said, reiterating Lt. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho's challenge on the way ahead for Army medicine in an address she gave at the 2012 Military Health System Conference in National Harbor, Md., Jan. 31.

He explained that means finding ways to touch the lives of patients to promote individual health apart from the blip that is approximately 100 minutes average a year that patients see a provider (based on five visits of 20 minutes each). Affecting the remaining 525,500 minutes on the radar screen that makes up a patient's year is vital to instilling a continuous, healthy lifestyle, he said.

As Horoho noted, providers need to know what goes on in that "white space" between visits – does the individual smoke during their outpatient visits? Do patients eat triple cheese-

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## MICC deputy inducted into senior executive service

By Daniel P. Elkins  
MICC Public Affairs

The Mission and Installation Contracting Command deputy to the commander was appointed to the Senior Executive Service today during a ceremony here Feb. 15 recognizing exceptional skills and abilities in transforming the government.

George M. Cabaniss Jr. joined the MICC in December and serves as the deputy to MICC commanding general Brig. Gen. Stephen Leisenring. He became one of approximately 300 members to serve in key SES positions responsible as a link between presidential appointees and the federal workforce.

"It's an honor and privilege to be given responsibility for leading the Army's most important resource – its people,"

Cabaniss said.

"The actions by the men and women of the Mission and Installation Contracting Command impact not only our Soldiers, federal employees and their families, but also those throughout our communities who provide critical services and materials in order for the Army to accomplish its mission.

"In an environment of fiscal challenges, it's even more vital to ensure every taxpayer dollar is spent wisely, efficiently and effectively. We owe this to our Soldiers and the American public whose support and advocacy are essential in performing the contracting mission," he added.

Cabaniss comes from a diverse background of government and private sector

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Photo by Daniel P. Elkins

Brig. Gen. Stephen B. Leisenring presents George M. Cabaniss a certificate from the Department of the Army in recognition of his appointment to the Senior Executive Service during a ceremony Feb. 15 at Fort Sam Houston. Leisenring is the commanding general for the Mission and Installation Contracting Command and Cabaniss is the deputy to the commander.







# Members of Fort Sam Houston community gather for annual prayer breakfast

By Lori Newman  
JBSA-FSH News Leader

Military and civilian members of the community gathered Feb. 15 to share fellowship during the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston National Prayer Breakfast at the Sam Houston Community Center.

The purpose of the National Prayer Breakfast is to bring leadership together to recognize the morals and religious values our nation is founded upon.

Brig. Gen. Theresa Carter, 502nd Air Base Wing commander, briefly described the history and origin of the annual breakfast, quoting President Dwight D. Eisenhower's opening remarks at the first national prayer breakfast in 1953.

In part, Eisenhower said, "When we came to

that turning point in history, when we intended to establish a government for free men and a Declaration and Constitution to make it last, in order to explain such a system we had to say: 'We hold that all men are endowed by their Creator.' In one sentence we established that every free government is imbedded soundly in a deeply-felt religious faith or it makes no sense."

Members of the Fort Sam Houston religious community provided Christian, Jewish and Islamic scripture readings and prayers for the nation and the military. Music from the 323rd Army Band and the Fort Sam Houston Gospel Service Choir also added to the morning's camaraderie.

The highlight of the breakfast was the guest speaker, retired Army Lt. Col. Steve Russell,



Photo by Lori Newman

Guest speaker retired Army Lt. Col. Steve Russell, author of "We Got Him!," a memoir of the hunt and capture of former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, speaks to the audience at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston National Prayer Breakfast at the Sam Houston Community Center Feb. 15.

author of "We Got Him!," a memoir of the hunt and capture of former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

"For me, freedom of expression and religion are among the fundamen-

tal aspects of liberty for every single American," Russell said.

"Showing a sense of faith and character was never a deterrent to my Soldiers or their mission,"

he said.

Russell said a man from Harker Heights, Texas, contacted his wife to pass a message onto him. That message was, "God knew the precise location

of Saddam Hussein."

"That was certainly something to ponder," Russell said. In the days to follow he asked his unit chaplain to lead a prayer for anyone who wanted to participate.

"For several weeks, the chaplain led us in prayer asking God to expose the evil man to the light of day," Russell explained. "The flood of information that broke loose in the next three weeks was absolutely unbelievable."

Within three weeks, Hussein was captured.

U.S. Army North commander Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell provided closing remarks, thanking Russell for coming to Fort Sam Houston.

"We are all going to face adversities in our life," Caldwell said. "This National Prayer Breakfast is a great place to start renewing our faith."



## 32ND MEDICAL BRIGADE PRESENTS TRIBUTE TO BLACK WOMEN



**Photo by Deyanira Romo Rossell**

Staff Sgt. Deatra Budden re-enacts the life of jazz great Nina Simone, by belting out one of her songs. The lives of black women of influence like Oprah Winfrey, Michelle Obama, Coretta Scott King and Condoleezza Rice were re-enacted by instructors with the 32nd Medical Brigade Feb. 16 at the Big Area Tent. The Black History Month tribute was hosted by the 264th Medical Battalion.



## REAGAN H.S. STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT MEDICAL CAREERS



**Photo by Esther Garcia**

Col. Valerie Holmes (left), Department of Dental Science director, and training specialist Don Mason (center) demonstrate how to prepare and fill fillings to Reagan High School students at the Army Medical Department Center and School Feb. 8. Holmes provided an overview of the dental field, stressing the importance of a good education. The students, who belong to the Health Occupations Students of America club and are interested in a medical career, spent the day post visiting various medical career fields such as optometry, preventive medicine, pharmacy and nursing. The students also had the opportunity to visit the Center for Intrepid, a state-of-the-art rehabilitation center.

## IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE AT HISTORIC QUADRANGLE



**Photo by Sgt. Maj. Eric Lobsinger**

White-tailed deer rest along the site of a future circular walkway being constructed as one of the focal points of the historic Quadrangle. Once completed, there will be two circles. Each will be approximately 50 feet across and will consist of an inner and an outer ring of limestone blocks, with a 10-foot walkway between the rings. The walkway will be lined with crushed granite. Plans are being made to plant crape myrtles around the rings and for plants and ornamental grasses inside the rings. It is hoped the project will be completed by the end of February, depending on the weather. The goal is to further improve on the previous enhancements to the area, which included upgrades to the grass, trees and a newly constructed duck pond.

## American Society of Military Comptrollers selects award winners

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Alamo Chapter, selected its 2011 annual awards winners Feb. 7-8 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. The ASMC is a professional society dedicated to promoting the professional development of all financial professionals in the Department of Defense.

### **Major Command**

Distinguished award: Arturo Lomas,  
U.S. Army Medical Command, JBSA-  
Fort Sam Houston

Meritorious award: 1st Lt. Joseph P.  
Ciaravino, Air Education and Training  
Command, JBSA-Randolph

### **Below MAJCOM**

Distinguished award: Michael  
Valdez, 802nd Comptroller Squadron,  
JBSA-Lackland

Meritorious award: Trevor  
Townsend, 502nd Air Base Wing,  
JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

### *Acquisition/Cost Analysis Category* **MAJCOM**

Distinguished award: Mike Snell,  
U.S. ARNORTH, JBSA-Fort Sam Hous-  
ton

Meritorious award: Charles Phillips,  
AETC, JBSA-Randolph

### *Auditing Category*

#### **MAJCOM**

Distinguished award: Tamara Lew-  
is-Ibrahim, Air Force Audit Agency,  
JBSA-Randolph

Meritorious award: Mieke Melse –  
AFAA, JBSA-Randolph

#### **Below MAJCOM**

Distinguished award: Connie Ram-  
sey, AFAA, JBSA-Randolph

### *Budgeting Category*

#### **MAJCOM**

Distinguished award: Robert Friend,  
Air Force ISR Agency, JBSA-Lackland

Meritorious award: Mary Jane Mo-  
rales, AETC, JBSA-Randolph

#### **Below MAJCOM**

Distinguished award: Robert Young  
– 47th CPTS, Laughlin AFB, Texas

Meritorious award: Pete Anderson,  
502nd ABW, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

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# ARSOUTH conducts deployment readiness exercise

By Sgt. Tamika A. Exom  
ARSOUTH Public Affairs

In January 2010, following the devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake that struck the country of Haiti, U.S. Army South personnel deployed to support Operation Unified Response and helped U.S. Southern Command form Joint Task Force-Haiti.

At the request of the Haitian government and on order from President Barrack Obama, thousands of U.S. troops and civilians formed Joint Task Force-Haiti and along with Army South provided humanitarian assistance



Spc. Justin M. Vines (right), an armorer with U.S. Army South, issues weapons to Army South Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion Soldiers at Fort Sam Houston during a rapid deployment training exercise Feb. 7-9.

and logistical support. Even before 2010, the mission of Army South was to be prepared to deploy to support a contingency operation as directed by SOUTHCOM. Army South, as the Army Service component command for SOUTHCOM, supports an area of responsibility that includes 31 nations and 10 territories in Central and South America, and the Caribbean. Army South Soldiers must be able and ready to deploy to any number of those places for contingency operations or to provide humanitarian support in the event of a natural disaster.

In order to be prepared to support Army South’s mission, 40 Soldiers from Army South’s Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion received phone calls in the early morning hours of Feb. 8. They were instructed to report within two hours, with bags packed and ready to deploy. For the Soldiers of Army South, this emergency deployment readiness exercise tested the ability of the Soldiers to deploy a Contingency Command Post within 72 hours of notification.

“It was a complete success. These Soldiers proved during the exercise they were prepared for successful accomplishment of any mission,” said Maj. Ed Otero, chief of operations, HHBN and officer in charge of the exercise. “We couldn’t have done it without the participation of the Army South directors,” Otero added. “Every director sent Soldiers to serve as augmentees to support the CCP. I believe it was a good team effort.” In addition to setting up the CCP, Soldiers were certified or trained on unit movement operations, pallet building, and the proper handling of hazardous materials. The exercise also tested the ability of Army South staff to support the deployment of the



Photos by Sgt. Tamika A. Exom

Soldiers of U.S. Army South’s Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion received training on pallet building at Fort Sam Houston, during a rapid deployment training exercise Feb. 7-9.

command post. “We had to have folks go through and pick up their weapons, do the sustained readiness program, do all those activities that are required for deployment,” said Lt. Col. Charles A. Walters, HHBN commander, Army South. “For the headquarters battalion, it was a good learning experience for us. I think we made the process better.” The purpose of any training exercise is to prepare or be prepared for deployment. This deployment exercise was no different. Army South Soldiers were given a similar scenario to the actual Operation Unified Response deployment to Haiti. Army South Soldiers practiced skills such as pallet building and unit movement operations. “We conducted an after action review every day during this four-day exercise,” Otero said. “We had our hiccups and that’s the purpose of this exercise, to identify deficiencies and correct them so that we remain prepared to respond to natural disasters and other contingency operations.”

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the military. Jay Benevidez, a recent graduate of Stevens High School, said he’s just finding his niche in life. He signed up to become biomedical equipment specialist. “My family has a history of medical service,” he said. “I want to continue the tradition.” Others said they wanted to use their Army service to springboard a career. John Caldera, who graduated from Southwest High School, said he was going to

use his educational benefits to become a doctor in the next 10 years. “This is probably the best decision I could have made,” he said. John Barrientes, a graduate of Holmes High School, is enlisting in the Infantry but said he plans on becoming a radiation therapist when he finishes his tour. Although most of the new Soldiers hail from the San Antonio area, they come from a variety of backgrounds and experiences. However, they all were joined together in volunteering to serve their country.

Their future Army jobs will range from infantry, artillery, combat medic, wheeled vehicle mechanic and military police to Special Forces, human intelligence collector, parachute rigger and explosive ordnance disposal specialist. Some of the recruits said their motivation was to serve their country. “I just want to serve our country and say I did something important,” explained Veronica Riojas, who has a degree in criminal justice from San Antonio Community College. “This is something I wanted

to do – to serve my country, and I want to go on and become a Ranger!” added Manuel Gomez, who will serve in the artillery. “My family is proud of me.” Family and friends joined the future Soldiers. Although some said they were apprehensive about their loved ones joining the Army, all said they were proud of them for doing it. Eric English, a James Madison High School graduate, who is joining up to serve in the Special Forces, brought his girlfriend, Derilyn Stacy, who said she supports him

in joining. “Thanks for being willing to serve our nation, and thanks for going above and beyond,” Caldwell said, as he addressed the group. “I’m very proud of having this opportunity to bring you into our Army.” Did the crowd cheer for the pending rodeo competition, the magnificent Palomino ceremony, the anticipation of the hit country band Lady Antebellum – or was it because they were witness to a group of young people dedicating themselves to support their country? Perhaps it was a bit for all.



# 201st MI Battalion field exercise hones interrogation skills

By Gregory Rippes  
470th Military Intelligence  
Brigade Public Affairs

Thirty-four Soldiers of the 201st Military Intelligence Battalion practiced their skills as interrogators and analysts in a field training exercise on Camp Bullis Feb. 6 through 10.

The Soldiers belonged to the battalion's Alpha Company, and for the exercise each member was assigned to one of five "tiger teams" consisting of three or four interrogators and an analyst.

"Interrogation is a team effort," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Morris Tyson, senior trainer for the exercise. "One analyst supports three or four interrogators by doing analysis

in direct support of the intelligence the interrogators are gathering."

In addition, Tyson explained, each analyst receives both technical support and support from senior analysts "up the oversight chain."

The teams performed their training in the Intelligence and Security Command Detention Training Facility operated by its parent unit, the 470th MI Brigade, on Camp Bullis.

Fellow Soldiers in the 201st MI Battalion's Bravo Company and its Headquarters and Headquarters Company took on roles of detainees. Although the "detainees" in this level of training spoke English, most of the actors were themselves experienced interrogators.

"They were mentoring in their role," noted Tyson, who explained that these "detainees" frequently offered constructive critiques to their interrogators after the interrogation sessions.

Capt. Wilson Vega, Alpha Company commander, said that the scenario for each day's exercise began the night before with interrogators each picking up a "case," a packet with information about the type of intelligence they are supposed to gather from the "detainee" who was the subject of their interest the next day.

"This is the planning and preparation phase," Vega said. "They do their homework on the 'detainee.' Along with



Sgt. Amanda Dodge (right) interviews a "detainee," role-played by Sgt. Jonathan Cagoya. The 201st Military Intelligence Battalion Soldiers were both involved in a field training exercise on Camp Bullis Feb. 6 through 10.

their analyst, they familiarize themselves with him and come up with questions and approaches. After their team leader evaluates and approves, they are ready to go into the booth the next day."

The booth is one of a number of small rooms in the IDTF, all equipped with one-way mirrors, cameras and microphones, allowing analysts and exercise observers either to monitor interrogations live or to record them for review later.

Most of the interrogations last from one to two hours, according to Vega. Immediately afterward, the interrogator and the analyst, who have

both been taking their own notes, get together to write an intelligence report.

"Report preparation can take up to four hours," said Vega. "When they finish their report, their team leader reviews it for accuracy and format, and then they submit their report for final review." With the intelligence report completed, the cycle would begin again with preparation for the next day.

Tyson emphasized the importance of interrogators and analysts working together and the importance of producing a good intelligence report.

"It's a team product," said Tyson.



Photos by Gregory Rippes

Chief Warrant Officer 4 William Lux (right), after playing the part of a detainee, offers pointers on interrogation to Soldiers of the 201st Military Intelligence Battalion, based on his experience.



Spc. Joshua Hood (left) and Staff Sgt. Joshua Beasley monitor a mock interrogation. The 201st Military Intelligence Battalion Soldiers were part of a field training exercise on Camp Bullis Feb. 6 through 10.



### RUBENSTEIN from P4

burgers? How many commit suicide?

“It’s in the white space ... where health really happens,” Horoho told more than 4,000 military and civilian medical personnel from all branches of service at the MHS conference. “And that’s where we as individuals, we as a military health system, and we as a nation, must go.”

“We have to keep people healthy, instead of spending millions of dol-

lars to bring them back to health,” explained Rubenstein.

To that end, while the Army will be downsizing personnel over the next several years to meet Congressionally-mandated end-strength numbers, Rubenstein said that “people are arguing that the health care system needs to remain robust.

“The answer is not just to slash the medical corps and send our folks downtown for care because that’s a very expensive cost.”

Rubenstein, based at Fort Sam Houston, also visited Army medical staff at facilities in Bavaria and Landstuhl during his trip to Germany.

The former Army Deputy Surgeon General is no stranger to host-nation issues, having served in Heidelberg as commanding general of Europe Regional medical Command, command surgeon for the U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army, and commander of the 30th Medical Brigade.

He also served as

commander of Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

The experience of his various assignments all led him back to one overarching point during his address to Heidelberg staffers: “The most important part of career success (across the three areas comprising education, experience and affiliation that the general emphasized) is mentorship – either to receive mentorship or to provide mentorship.

“If you have a career question, seek out some-

one with the knowledge and experience to help you. Mentorship is how we grow the next generation.”

The mentorship on mentorship that Rubenstein provided made an impression.

“Mentorship is more important now than ever before,” echoed Capt. Vic Johnson, medical company commander with the Heidelberg Medical Department Activity.

“As these wars went on, we lost certain aspects of leadership. Many

of our junior officers today never served in a peacetime Army that our senior officers had the opportunity of serving. (It’s important) to learn how changes will occur to help junior officers better prepare themselves.”

And Capt. Janie Mena, executive officer for the Coleman Troop Medical Clinic at Mannheim, succinctly summed up the general’s presentation: “We should all have a mentor, but we should all be one as well.”

### MICC from P4

experience that includes more than 20 years in acquisition.

That experience includes leadership positions with the Army and Navy as well as the General Services Administration. In addition, he practiced as a trial law-

yer for almost 10 years in Atlanta.

Members of the Senior Executive Service hold well-honed executive skills and share a broad perspective of government and a public service commitment, which is grounded in the Constitution.

The keystone of the Civil Service Reform Act

of 1978, the SES was designed to be a corps of executives selected for their leadership qualifications. Members of the SES operate and oversee nearly every government activity in approximately 75 federal agencies.

Headquartered at Fort Sam Houston, the MICC is made up of seven

regional mission contracting centers, nine mission contracting offices and 28 installation contracting offices throughout the country. In fiscal 2011, the command executed more than 63,000 contract actions worth almost \$7 billion.

The MICC is responsible for planning,

integrating, awarding and administering contracts in support of Army commands, direct reporting units, U.S. Army North and other organizations to provide the best value for the mission, Soldiers and their families.

Contracting professionals at the MICC’s subordinate units work with

installation leadership throughout the generating force, or institutional Army, to translate their requirements into contracted materiel and services. The institutional Army prepares, trains, educates and supports the operational Army, which is made up of deployed forces.

# IMCOM kicks off seventh annual mentorship program conference

By Dennis Drake  
U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

The adage "Building Tomorrow's Leaders Today" came to life when 32 Installation Management Command employees from across the globe met with 32 mentors and six senior mentors at the IMCOM Academy at Fort Sam Houston Feb. 7-9.

Now in its seventh year, the IMCOM Central Mentorship Program conference pairs IMCOM employee mentees with seasoned IMCOM leaders who serve as mentors. Each of this year's 32 mentees applied for the program and were selected from over 100 applicants.

"We have an exceptional group of competitively-selected mentees and inspirational leaders," said Karen

Perkins, IMCOM G1 and the program's sponsor. "This unique mentoring program brings together professionals from every level who are focused on developing installation management leaders for our command worldwide," she said.

Mentees and mentors arrived at Fort Sam Houston from IMCOM garrisons, regions, headquarters, Army Environmental Command, and the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management at the Pentagon.

"After meeting all of this year's participants, mentees and mentors alike, I consider it an even greater privilege to have been selected for the program," said Tamera Elston, a mentee from IMCOM HQ. "I'm excited to work with this



Photo by Bill Murphy

Mary Hoenscheid, a mentee from Detroit Arsenal, challenges her team during the conference. group of outstanding professionals over the next 12 months."

During the conference, the 32 mentor/mentee partnerships were divided into six teams, each aligned to one of the six lines of effort in the

Installation Management Campaign Plan. Over the next five months, each team will design a project to enhance or improve some aspect of their assigned line of effort. The mentees will present the project to IMCOM's senior

leadership later this year. Conference attendees received leadership insights from Joe Capps, IMCOM's executive director and the command's most senior civilian leader. They participated in several team building

exercises over the three days.

"The great interaction between the mentees, mentors and senior mentors and leaders was a definite plus," said Tom Easterly, a mentee from Fort Sill, Oklahoma. "We were able to sit with best leaders from IMCOM and ACSIM and have great conversations and learn from their wisdom."

During the upcoming year, each mentee will work with their mentor to broaden their knowledge of Army installation management, and to develop a long range Individual Development Plan for further their careers. Mentees will complete a one-week shadow assignment, usually at their mentor's duty location, to provide them an opportunity to interact with leaders at all levels.





**Exceptional Family Member Program**

Feb. 23, 1:30-3 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-0600.

**African American Heritage Scholarship Banquet**

Feb. 25, 6 p.m., JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club, guest speaker is retired Gen. Toreaser A. Steele, call 977-6710.

**Talent Showcase**

Child, Youth and School Services will host at talent showcase 6-8 p.m. and a dance 8-10 p.m. Feb. 25 at Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797. Call 221-4871.

**Annual Randolph Gospel Fest**

Feb. 26, 3 p.m., Chapel 1, JBSA-Randolph, call 565-3930.

**Financial Boot Camp**

Feb. 27, 7 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Dodd

Field Chapel, registration required, call 221-2380.

**Step-Families 101**

Feb. 27, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, four week class, call 221-0349.

**Battlemind (Pre) Training for Families**

Feb. 27, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

**Unit Trauma Training**

Feb. 28, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

**HUGS playgroup**

Feb. 28, 9-11 a.m., Middle School Teen Center Building 2515, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

**Newcomer's Extravaganza**

Feb. 28, 9:30-11 a.m., Sam Houston Community Center. Representatives from local businesses and tourist attractions, along with support units on Fort Sam Houston provide advice and giveaways.

**Couponing Class**

Feb. 28, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1612.

**Mandatory Initial First Termer Financial Readiness**

Feb. 29, noon-2 p.m., Education Center Building 2248, call 221-1612.

**Stress Management**

Feb. 29, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-0349.

**Word Level 1**

March 8, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797. Call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

**Alamo Chapter AUSA Luncheon**

March 23, 11:30 a.m., Sam Houston Community Center, cost is \$16. Guest speaker will be Lt. Gen. William Caldwell, commanding general, U.S. Army North. Visit <http://www.alamochapterausa.com>.

**Military City USA 5K Run**

March 24, 7 a.m., Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, check-in 6:30 a.m., no registration required,

T-shirts are \$10 each on race day, call 221-1234.

**Spouses' Club Scholarships**

The Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area contributes annually to the Fort Sam Houston community through scholarship and welfare awards. Scholarships are awarded to high school seniors, students continuing their education and military spouses. All applicants must have a valid DOD ID card. Welfare funds are awarded to charities, non-profit organizations or other worthy causes supporting the welfare of the Armed Forces and their families located at Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis. Applications for scholarship and welfare awards are available at <http://www.scfsh.com>. The deadline to apply is April 1.

**Job Fair**

April 11, 5-7 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, for the Fort Sam Houston community, call 221-0427 or 221-0516.

**Java Café**

The Java Café is open in the Sam Houston Community Center.

**USAF Fit Family**

Visit <http://www.usaffitfamily.com> for healthy recipes, fitness tips and health and nutrition articles.

**Hacienda Student Center**

Big area tent at 3100 Marvin R. Wood, hours are 5-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 5-9 p.m. Sundays.

**Air Force Education & Training Center**

7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, relocated to a temporary building at 2427 Hood St., call 221-2135.

**Basic Skills Education Program**

Classes are Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for a period of 14 working days. Service members will receive instruction in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and math skills. The class is designed to teach basic college preparatory skills to service members with a GT score less than 110. Call 221-1738 to enroll.

**Brigade Gym Temporary Structure**

The temporary gym structure at the corner of Hardee and Williams

Roads is open 5 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Friday, closed weekends and holidays.

**Central Post Gym**

Closed for renovation.

**Varsity Soccer**

Players wanted for the FSH varsity soccer team, call 808-5710.

**Sports Scores**

For Fort Sam Houston and 32nd Medical Brigade intramural sports results, visit <http://bit.ly/MWRsports>.

**Retired Enlisted Association**

Chapter 80 of the Retired Enlisted Association meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Lackland Air Force Base Gateway Club. Call 658-2344 for information.

**Stilwell House**

The Fort Sam Houston Stilwell House, a historic landmark since 1888, is open for tours, receptions and parties. The Stilwell House is managed by the Society for the

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### Salado Creek Greenway Walk

The Texas Wanderers of Fort Sam Houston volksmarch club will host a 5k, 10k and 15k walk Feb. 25 starting at the Lady Bird Johnson Trailhead, Salado Creek Greenway, 10700 Nacogdoches Road. Walks start between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m., finish by 2 p.m. Call

658-2160 or visit <http://www.walktx.org/TexasWanderers>.

### African-American Expo

Feb. 29, 11 a.m. Port San Antonio, Building 171, call 395-8275.

### Houston rodeo holds Military Appreciation Day

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo hosts an Armed Forces Appreciation Day Feb. 29 for U.S. Armed Forces, Texas military forces, wounded military heroes and the Lone Star Honor Flight. The day includes a free concert by Kid

Rock. Tickets are first come, first serve. Call 830-667-1000 for more information.

### Historic Fayetteville Walk

The Texas Volkssport Association will host a 5k, 6k, 10k and 11k walk March 3 and 4 starting at the Old Fire House on Courthouse Square, in Fayetteville. Walks start between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., finish by 5 p.m. Call 496-1402.

### Parks and Recreation Department's Spring Break Camp

Spring Break Camp will be held

7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. March 12-16 at 15 community centers throughout the San Antonio area. The cost is \$3 per child per day. Registration is ongoing. Call 207-3000 or visit <http://www.sanantonio.gov/parksandrec>.

### Shooting Stars Flag Football League

Boys and girls ages 5 to 17 can register now for the Shooting Stars Flag Football League. Call 606-6360 or visit <http://www.shootingstarssa.nfflag.com> for more information.

### For Sale:

Amana two-door 22-cubic-foot refrigerator, \$150 obo; Eureka upright vacuum cleaner, \$35; Bissell Power Carpet Steamer Deluxe, \$60 obo; apartment-size refrigerator, \$40. All items are in excellent condition. Call 666-0502.

**For Sale:** Whirlpool stainless steel refrigerator with in-door icemaker, \$800 obo; barely used sectional, seats 10 easily, \$900 obo; Whirlpool chest freezer, \$300; four tires, 235/55R18, only 10,000 miles on them, \$300 for the set; many other



items. Call 951-489-9809.

**For Sale:** 1989 Honda Civic Hatchback DX, automatic, A/C, CD player, AM/FM radio, maintenance records available, over 30 mpg, "as is" \$2,000; REM Martinique, dual adjustable with massage, in excellent condition, \$3,000; Stuyvesant upright piano, \$139. Call 659-6741.

**For Sale:** New Rascal electric wheelchair with detachable legs, instruction manual included, \$800 obo. Call 661-2765.

**Wanted:** Wedgewood Apple Blossom pattern, 12-inch and 6-inch plates, bowls, etc., need replacements. Call 658-1643, leave a message.

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### Cloverleaf Communicators

### Club

Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of every month 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at San Antonio Credit Union, Stanley Road, in the conference room. Call 916-3406 or 221-8785 or visit [\[talkinternational.com/\]\(http://talkinternational.com/\).](http://power-</a></p>
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### Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association meets the third Thursday of each month at

5 p.m. at the Longhorn Café, 1003 Rittiman Rd. All active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-0584 or 889-8212.

### Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets the third Thursday of each month at noon in the Men's Card Room at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. All Sergeant Audie Murphy or Sergeant Morales members are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 808-1732 or 221-0144.

### ASMC from P9

#### Comptroller Category Below MAJCOM

Distinguished award: Terry Ross, 502nd ABW, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston  
Meritorious award: Debra Durnell, AF Center for Engineering and the Environment, JBSA-Lackland

#### Contractor Support Category Below MAJCOM

Distinguished award: David Gotthardt, AFCEE, JBSA-Lackland  
Meritorious award: Jennifer McCubbin, AFCEE, JBSA-Lackland

#### Financial Systems Category MAJCOM

Distinguished award: Paul Goodrich, U.S. ARNORTH, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

#### Below MAJCOM

Distinguished award: Robert Steffen, 502nd ABW, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston  
Meritorious award: Tonja Campbell, Navy Medicine Information Systems Support Activity

#### Intern/Trainee Category MAJCOM

Distinguished award: Courtney Chin, AETC, JBSA-Randolph  
Meritorious award: Charlotte Youngblood, U.S. Army Medical Command, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

#### Below MAJCOM

Distinguished award: Shaneka Dotson, AFAA, JBSA-Randolph

Meritorious award: Lila Davis, AFAA, JBSA-Randolph

#### Resource Management Category MAJCOM

Distinguished award: Brian Clearman, U.S. MEDCOM, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

Meritorious award: Randall Brady, AETC, JBSA-Randolph

#### Below MAJCOM

Distinguished award: Jeffrey Schmidt, 502nd ABW, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

Meritorious award: Capt. Leria Diaz, 802nd CPTS, JBSA-Lackland

**Corporate Member Award**  
Distinguished award: P3S Corporation

#### Team Awards

**Distinguished team award:** AFCEE Military Construction Team, JBSA-Lackland – Victor Alba, David Maltais, Win McCreary, Nancy Miles, Rene Ona, David Wheeler, Kay Heihn, and Marie Reeder

**Meritorious Team Award:** U.S. ARNORTH Efficiencies Tiger Team, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston – Patrick Reynolds, Lt. Col. Keith Czelusniak, Brad Ramey, Michael Pukansky, Andrea Powers, Michael Snell, Melissa Foxhall, Linda Spencer, and Lawrence Ursell

All award winners will now vie for national recognition at the ASMC Professional Development Institute event in Los Angeles May 29.

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